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In Re the Application of:

BLATT et al.

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For: "PROTEIN INVOLVED IN ABSCISIC
ACID SIGNALLING"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In an Office Action dated June 15, 2001 (Paper No. 10), the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement with regard to the above-identified patent application. Generally, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-20 and 26; Claims 21-25, 27, 28, 29, 34, 35 and 36; Claims 29, 30, 36, 37 and 38; Claims 29, 30, 36, 37 and 38; Claims 29, 30, 36, 37 and 38; Claims 31, 32 and 33; Claims 39-51; Claims 52 and 53; Claims 54, 55 and 56; Claims 54 and 55; and Claim 56, were distinct inventions. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Claims 1-20 and 26 in this patent application. However, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue the remaining claims in a subsequent divisional/continuation application.

Respectfully submitted,

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